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To Whom It Concerns,

Firstly, I must express my dismay over irradiation. The FDA is ignoring science which reveals legitimate concerns about the effects of irradiated products on consumers. The very likely negative health effects of radiation will only cause more problems and result in higher costs for the FDA. But, since the FDA is caving into the demands of a powerful and desperate meat industry, I urge the FDA to at least be straightforward with consumers - that is the FDA's job. Let consumers know when they are eating food treated with radiation. Furthermore, disclose the possible risks of eating such foods; such revelations are required of other potentially hazardous foods, and it is rather clear (to a significant number of people) that irradiated meat poses some hazards. Irradiation has not been proven to be 100% safe for people; tell the consumer as much.

I demand that the FDA use prominent labeling and retain the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation," and the use of the radura symbol. The statement and symbol should be easy to read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food. Proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both label and radura) should not expire at any time in the future.

Sincerely,
Ronnie Colby

PS: Thanks, FDA! You've helped make a vegetarian out of me.

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